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(B) USNATO 07894 (DTG 181515Z AUG 77), (C) STATE 207637
(DTG 302308Z AUG 77)

SUMMARY: AT SEPTEMBER 1 MEETING, THE NPG STAFF GROUP
DISCUSSED THE DRAFT PERMREPS' REPORT ON NEW TECHNOLOGY
FOLLOW-ON WORK, THE BARI NPG MINISTERIAL AGENDA, TRANS-
PORTATION ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE BARI MEETING, AND DATES
FOR THE SPRING 1978 NPG MINISTERIAL. END SUMMARY.

1. TECHNOLOGY STUDY FOLLOW-ON WORK. THE STAFF GROUP
ACCEPTED A NUMBER OF EDITORIAL CHANGES TO THE DRAFT
PERMREPS' REPORT ON NEW WEAPONS TECHNOLOGY FOLLOW-ON
WORK (REF A) SUGGESTED BY THE UK AND CANADA. WE WILL
FORWARD THE REVISED TEXT TO WASHINGTON, WHICH SYG LUNS

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WILL CIRCULATE FOR FINAL APPROVAL BY THE SILENCE PRO-
CEDURE.

2. BARI MINISTERIAL AGENDA. CHAIRMAN (SHEARER)
SUMMARIZED THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO THE DRAFT AGENDA
FOR THE BARI MINISTERIAL MEETING (REF B, PARA 5)
PROPOSED BY STAFF GROUP MEMBERS:

. - DELETE SUB-PARA (B) OF PARA 1 TO ITEM II
CONCERNING QUOTE DRAFT STATUS REPORT TO THE DEFENSE
PLANNING COMMITTEE UNQUOTE.

. - DELETE ITEM IV QUOTE NUCLEAR CONSULTATION:
COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY UNQUOTE. SYG PLANS TO RAISE
THIS ISSUE ORALLY UNDER ITEM V QUOTE ANY OTHER BUSINESS
UNQUOTE.

. - ADD AS NEW ITEM IV QUOTE FUTURE WORK UNQUOTE.
CHAIRMAN SAID SYG LUNS WOULD CIRCULATE THE DRAFT AGENDA
WITH THE ABOVE CHANGES, FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL AT AN
NPG PERMREPS' MEETING LATER IN SEPTEMBER.

3. GERMAN REP (MERKL) AGREED WITH DESIRABILITY OF
DEFERRING A STATUS REPORT TO THE DPC ON THE TNF
MODERNIZATION LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM. HOWEVER,
HE SUGGESTED THAT IT MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE FOR PERMREPS
TO PROVIDE A SHORT REPORT TO MINISTERS PROPOSING STEPS
FOR FURTHER WORK ON THE TNF INITIATIVE FOLLOWING THE
BARI MEETING. US REP (WOODWORTH) COMMENTED THAT
CONSIDERATION OF THIS SUGGESTION MIGHT BETTER BE TAKEN
UP AFTER THE ALLIES HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO REVIEW THE US
OUTLINE.

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4. TRANSPORTATION AT BARI MINISTERIAL. ITALIAN REP
SAID THE ITALIAN AIR FORCE WOULD PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION
BETWEEN ROME AND BARI BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER THE BARI
MEETING AND SOCIAL PROGRAM (PROBABLY ONE FLIGHT EACH WAY).
HE SAID THAT BEFORE AN OPTIMUM SCHEDULE COULD BE DEvised,
HIS AUTHORITIES WOULD NEED TO KNOW PLANNED ARRIVAL AND
DEPARTURE TIMES FOR ATTENDEES WHO WILL TRAVEL BY
COMMERCIAL TRANSPORTATION VIA ROME. COMMENT: THE IAF
FLIGHTS MIGHT BE OF INTEREST TO ANY WASHINGTON PARTICI-
PANTS PLANNING TO TRAVEL BY COMMERCIAL AIR VIA ROME.
END COMMENT.

5. SPRING 1978 MINISTERIAL. DANISH REP ASKED FOR
COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED TIMING FOR THE WEEK OF
APRIL 17TH FOR THE SPRING 1978 NPG. THE US (PER REF C),
UK, FRG, AND TURKISH REPS SAID THEIR AUTHORITIES COULD
ACCEPT ANY TIME DURING THAT WEEK. THE BELGIAN REP
SAID HE WAS STILL AWAITING GUIDANCE. GLITMAN

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